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1. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2000-511220, published August 29, 2000 (corresponds to WO 97/45469, published December 4, 1997).
2. World Patent No. 97/45469, published December 4, 1997.
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,969,083 issued October 19, 1999.

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4. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 63-19530, published April 22, 1988

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